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Cool reception for Kenney

Demonstrators gather on Sunday in front of the London Convention Centre to protest Immigration Minister Jason Kenney's acceptance of an award for tolerance and diversity, given to him by the Jewish National Fund of Canada. They are also opposed to legislation that would make it tougher for refugees and their families to claim asylum. MILA PETKOVIC/FOR METRO

Diversity award.

Protesters decry new federal laws they say discriminate against immigrants

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Immigration Minister Jason Kenney was given the cold shoulder on Sunday from some Londoners opposed to changing immigration laws.

Kenney was at the London Convention Centre to accept an award for tolerance and diversity from the Jewish National Fund of Canada. But those opposed to Bill C-31 and the omnibus budget bill say Kenney represents anything but diversity.

Bill C-31 would make it harder for refugees and their families to claim asylum, opponents say. And the budget could let employers pay migrant workers up to 15 per cent less than average wages.

"Imagine working for less money, but you have to pay for the same basic needs as everyone else," said Alicia Samuel, 28. "An ordinary Canadian would be outraged."

Kenney, who was unavailable for comment on Sunday, has said Bill C-31 was designed to combat human smuggling and to ensure the asylum system is fast and fair. It was drafted after two boatloads of Tamil migrants arrived off the coast of Vancouver in August 2010. The bill would allow for those cases to be deemed "mass arrivals." People in that situation could be detained for up to six months before their cases are heard, and they would have reduced access to health care.

Several legal experts have argued that the bill is inconsistent with the Charter of Rights and the United Nations convention on refugees. "We need to get more people concerned about what is happening in the country," Samuel said. "This country used to be known as a safe place for immigrants, but that's changing now."

Standing up for Israel

- The award given to Jason Kenney is presented annually by the Jewish National Fund of Canada to people who have made an impact in the Jewish community.
- "Kenney has been very supportive of Holocaust education and remembrance. He has taken stances when Israel has been criticized," said Frank Simkevitz, executive director of the fund in Ontario.

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Word on the street

Metro asked Londoners what they thought of a proposal to rename the John Labatt Centre as Budweiser Gardens. Here's how some reacted:

"I kinda like it. It's mostly the exact same, but it's still cool. I like the 'Gardens' part."
Alex Mychajlowskij, 24

"People all around southwestern Ontario already know it as the JLC, and by changing the name you create a lot of confusion."
Ashley Tenhaaf, 28

"This is my beef with all these stadiums where they slap a logo on it — it loses character."
Edward Barnes, 27

"It's kind of a weird image. I don't think it really suits what's going on in there ... it doesn't really suit the idea of a garden."
Ruby Ross, 18

"I know on Twitter everybody was kind of getting upset about it, but I know I'll call it the Gardens."
Jodi Simpson, 40

From centre to garden? A proposal expected to hit the table at city hall Tuesday would rebrand the John Labatt Centre as Budweiser Gardens.
ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

What will it be, a Bud or a Labatt?

Rebranding. Proposed new name for the JLC is a perfect fit, says a Labatt official

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Some Londoners may have a heartfelt connection to the Labatt brand.

But it's Budweiser that's winning Canadians over by storm, said Jeff Ryan, director of corporate affairs for Labatt Breweries.

That popularity, Ryan said Sunday, is at the crux of a proposal to rename the John Labatt Centre as Budweiser Gardens.

Ryan called the name change "the logical choice" for Labatt, which has been brewing Bud in London since 1981. The brand accounts for 42 per cent what Labatt produces in the Forest City.

"There could not be a stronger continuing commitment to the community in London than naming the centre after the strongest brand in the entire brewing industry in Canada, a growing brand and the most important brand to Labatt and to our employees in London," he said.

"It's brewed by Londoners, it's brewed using local water, it's brewed using local labour and resources."

City councillors are expected to consider the naming proposal at their Tuesday 5 p.m. meeting. Members of council's investment and economic prosperity committee will have a special meeting to discuss the renaming an hour earlier.

Labatt has owned naming rights to the entertainment venue since it opened in 2002, thanks to a sponsorship contract with Global Spectrum, which operates the JLC. The contract expires in October and Labatt was given first dibs on negotiating a new deal.

Global and Labatt declined to disclose how much the brewer would pay under the new 10-year contract, though Ryan called it a "generous and fair amount."

Facts and Figures

- **Operation.** Labatt has been brewing at Richmond and Simcoe streets since 1847.
- **Production.** The brewery started off producing 1,000 bottles a year and now produces more than 1 billion cans and bottles per year.
- **Supply.** The London brewery produces nearly 40 per cent of Canada's supply of Labatt beer.

SOURCE: LABATT BREWERIES

Violence. One charged, one sought in stabbings

A 26-year-old man is in the hospital with potentially life-threatening injuries after a stabbing downtown on Saturday.

The incident happened about 3 a.m. near Richmond and Carling streets, police said. Officers are looking for a suspect described as black and five-foot-nine. Anyone with information can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

In a separate incident, Richard Roswell, 55, of London, has been charged with aggravated assault after police said he stabbed a man at about 3:55 p.m. Thursday on Hamilton Road, near Egerton Street.

The victim was taken to hospital and his injuries are not believed to be life threatening.

Roswell and the victim knew each other, police said.

JULIAN UZIELLI/FOR METRO

In other news

- **Fatal crash.** One man died in a motorcycle-car crash at Highbury Avenue and Brydges Street Saturday. Police were called to the scene shortly before midnight. The 32-year-old driver of the motorcycle died in hospital. Two of the car's five passengers received minor injuries.

Police search

Store robbery suspect sought

A man robbed a variety store near Oxford Street East and Quebec Street at knifepoint on Friday, police said. The suspect is described as thin and five-foot-ten. He was wearing dark clothes and a bandana over his face. METRO

Owners sought

Investigation into dog bites

Police are looking for the owners of two dogs after people were bitten in two separate incidents. METRO

Pilot project. Jambalaya first to open sidewalk café

Downtown's sidewalk café program is officially up and running.

The first patio has opened at Jambalaya restaurant (119 Dundas St.). Owner Kevin Greaves helped lead the charge in the new effort, meant to assist downtown businesses that couldn't open patios on sidewalks because of city bylaws.

Greaves and others got permission last month from city hall to rent parking spaces and build patios there.

"Everybody wants to sit out there," Greaves said Sunday. "People that never knew the restaurant was there before are walking past and stopping to ask about it."

Crews work on the sidewalk café outside Jambalaya on the weekend.
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Greaves said it could still be two or three weeks before he gets approval for people to drink on his patio.

Early Bird and Nite Owl on Talbot Street will share a patio.

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On the web

Secret behind the Timmy's temptation

Coffee lovers are all too familiar with that satisfying moment — the first sip of a freshly brewed cup — but for the lead coffee taster at Tim Hortons, that borderline euphoric sensation has become a lifestyle. Go to metronews.ca to find out how Tim Hortons makes its signature cup of joe.

Someone's been sleeping in my garage?

A mama bear comes to the rescue of her adventurous cub after he became trapped in a U.S. garage over the weekend. Go to metronews.ca to watch the video.

Mobile news

At unconventional get-togethers, hosts ask guests to submit a slept-in T-shirt that will be smelled by other participants. Then, voila! You can pick your partner based on scent. Scan the code to find out how you can sniff out your true love.

From left, Pittsburgh Penguins amateur scouting director Jay Heinbuck, the London Knights' Olli Maatta and Pittsburgh Penguins owner Mario Lemieux are pictured Friday after Maatta was chosen 22nd overall in the first round of the NHL draft. KEITH SRAKOCIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Knights pack some punch at NHL draft

Strong showing. Six players were selected this weekend — the most out of any junior team in the world

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Prior to Day 2 of the NHL draft, Michael Houser and Seth Griffith prepared themselves similarly: Both felt it was best to look away, stay busy.

When Griffith, 19, emerged from the shower after a gym workout Saturday, his dad broke the news. The Boston Bruins had chosen the Wallaceburg, Ont. native in the fifth round.

"I knew (that if anyone was going to pick me) it was going to be Boston," he said, adding Bruins scout Keith Gretzky took him out for dinner recently.

Ironically, the selection used to nab Griffith — 131st overall — was obtained by the Bruins in a trade with the Tampa Bay Lightning, the only NHL team to ever grant Griffith a try-out.

Jared Knight, also Bruins property, will travel to Beantown with Griffith on Wednesday to take part in a six-day development camp.

Houser was one of the first people to congratulate the 45-goal scorer, he said. About two-and-a-half rounds later, Houser officially went undrafted for the third year in a row.

"He's the best goalie I've ever played with," Griffith said of the winningest netminder in franchise history. "I just couldn't believe he didn't get drafted even his first year."

Other London players drafted during the 2012 NHL draft include: Olli Maatta (22nd overall to the Pittsburgh Penguins), Chris Tierney (55th overall to the San Jose Sharks), Josh Anderson (95th overall to the Columbus Blue Jackets), Andreas Athanasiou (110th overall), and Ryan Rupert (157th overall).

A total of six Knights were selected this weekend, the most out of any junior team in the world.

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Eat up! Food festival packs in hungry visitors

Huong Nguyen, 35, hands out fresh pineapple at the Vietnamese Traditional Food Stand on Sunday, the last day of London's International Food Festival. The fruit-on-a-stick idea was one of the biggest hits over the weekend, said Christin Smith, a festival organizer. An estimated 120,000 people had made their way through the festival by Sunday afternoon.

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Schulich Leaders

Students earn scholarships for studies at Western

Grace Wang and Gurleen Chahal have been named Western University's recipients of the inaugural Schulich Leader scholarships.

As part of the new national scholarship program created by Canadian business leader and philanthropist Seymour Schulich, recipients receive four-year, $60,000 scholarships to study at one of 20 designated universities in Canada.

Wang and Chahal will study biological and medical sciences at Western in the fall. Wang is graduating from London's A.B. Lucas Secondary School, while Chahal is a Thunder Bay native. Every high school and secondary school across the country was allowed to nominate one student each to receive the scholarships. A similar program is being carried out in Israel. METRO

London's Sam Stout celebrates earlier this month after a victory in Vancouver.

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UFC. Stout defeats Fisher at Atlantic City bout

London's Sam "Hands of Stone" Stout completed his trilogy with Spencer Fisher on Friday, picking up a unanimous decision sweep of the judges' scorecards.

Their fight was the co-main event of a UFC event at the Revel Casino in Atlantic City, N.J.

Stout, 28, won his UFC debut against Fisher via split decision at UFC 58 in March 2006. In June 2007, Fisher won the rematch in what was judged fight of the night. METRO

Budgeting for 2013. Tax talk returns to city council agenda

City council's strategic priorities and policy committee will get a look Monday at how increasing or holding the line on taxes will impact civic departments, boards and commissions.

Councillors asked groups earlier this year to submit statements showing how 2013 property-tax increases of 3.8 per cent, 2 per cent and 0 per cent would impact services.

The reports will be considered at 4 p.m. Monday in council chambers. Some boards didn't respond to the request, including the Middlesex-London Health Unit and the police services board.

Staff estimate

- City staff has said a 5.5 per cent tax increase is needed to maintain the status quo next year.

City staff has said a 5.5 per cent tax increase is needed to maintain the status quo next year. A 3.8 per cent increase would require cutting $8.1 million, a two per cent increase would require $16.4 million in cuts and no increase would mean $25.6 million in cuts, administrators have said.

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Wildfire spreads in Colorado

A giant plume from the Waldo Canyon Fire hovers high above Garden of the Gods near Colorado Springs, Colo. on Saturday. The fire is zero per cent contained and has consumed 2500 acres. Voluntary and mandatory evacuations were taking place across the west side of Colorado Springs. Tankers were dropping fire retardant in front of the advancing flames. BRYAN OLLER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rescue team looks for roof collapse victims in mall

Elliot Lake. Police hindered in search by unsafe conditions

At least two people were trapped in a labyrinth of twisted metal and heavy concrete slabs as crews worked around the clock to stabilize the scene of a roof collapse at a mall in the northern Ontario city of Elliot Lake on Sunday.

Officials suspect one of those imprisoned "could be a casualty," but they said it would take another ten to 12 hours before the structure was deemed safe enough for search and rescue teams to go in.

Ontario Provincial Police said images of the partially collapsed roof at the Algo Centre Mall, which served as a parking lot, showed a hand and a foot in the dusty debris.

"We have obtained some visual information relating to a visual of a hand and a foot which is our grounds for the suspected casualty in this case, we cannot confirm the identity," said provincial police Insp. Percy Jollymore.

"The location is such that we cannot approach it at this time."

Officials also said they heard some taps coming from behind fallen slabs of concrete and metal. "Some of our search members this morning heard a couple of taps," said Bill Needles, a spokesman from the Toronto Heavy Urban Search and Rescue team.

"They called for a quick silence on the site and there was a couple more taps. That was an indication to us that we were dealing with a rescue," he said.

"We then turned our whole efforts towards trying to locate this individual. There was no verbal, there was no sight, we have no idea if it's male, female, what age, it was just a tap."

Needles said crews drilled through a wall in an attempt to locate the victim but weren't able to find anyone. At that point crews found the site was too unstable to send in rescue workers.

The operation is still a rescue mission though, and officials said they're still hoping to find people alive.

Police said at least nine people remained unaccounted for, but insisted that number was fluctuating.

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Tensions rise after Syria shoots down Turkish jet

NATO ambassadors will discuss this week whether to respond to Syria's downing of a Turkish jet in what Turkey insists was international airspace, although the likelihood of any military action by the alliance is low. The plane's downing has further hiked regional tensions over the conflict in Syria, where some 40 people were said to have died Sunday in new clashes between rebels and regime forces.

The jet's wreckage was found in the Mediterranean at a depth of 1,300 metres, Turkish state media reported Sunday. The two pilots remain unaccounted for.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said the jet was on a training flight to test Turkey's radar capabilities, not spying on Syria. He said the plane mistakenly strayed into Syrian airspace Friday, but was quickly warned to leave by Turkish authorities and was a mile inside international airspace when it was shot down off the coast of Latakia.

Syria insisted Saturday that the shooting was "not an attack" and that the aircraft had violated its airspace. But Turkish authorities say Syria didn't warn the Turkish plane nor send its own jets to confront it. Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan was expected to make a statement Tuesday and might announce some retaliatory steps.

"No one should dare to test Turkey's capabilities," Davutoglu said Sunday.

Meantime, at the request of Turkey, NATO's governing body will meet Tuesday to discuss the incident, said Oana Lungescu, a NATO spokeswoman. The consultations were called under article 4 of NATO's founding Washington Treaty.

"Under article 4, any ally can request consultations whenever, in the opinion of any of them, their territorial integrity, political independence or security is threatened," Lungescu said. The North Atlantic Council — the ambassadors of the 28 NATO countries — will decide whether to respond, she said.

The last time article 4 was invoked was nine years ago — also by Turkey — after tensions with neighbouring Iraq escalated. However, that case did not lead to the invocation of article 5, which declares that an attack against any single NATO country shall be considered as an attack against them all.

Despite some opposition leaders' calls for Western military intervention, the U.S. and allies have been hesitant to get involved in what could prove a protracted conflict, preferring the diplomatic route. Syrian allies Russia and China stridently oppose military intervention.

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Syrian-Turkish relations

- Syria's state-run SANA news agency says gunmen from Turkey clashed with Syrian border guards, and said several infiltrators died in the late Saturday clash.
- Turkey denies sheltering armed Syrian rebels, although many Syrian refugees have fled to camps on the Turkish side of the border.

New duty-free rules to draw more Canadian cross-border shoppers

Survey numbers.
Majority polled said they planned to spend more while stateside, but the changes have been criticized by Canadian shop owners

Canadians are in a U.S. shopping state of mind this summer thanks to changes in regulations that allow them to buy more without paying duty, a new survey suggests.

The Canadian Press-Harris Decima poll on relaxed cross-border shopping limits that went into effect June 1 found a large majority in favour of the changes — and 54 per cent of those planning a trip stateside said they intended to spend more.

Additionally, four in 10 said they were likely to purchase more duty-free goods.

The telephone survey of 1,000 was conducted between June 14 and 18 and is considered accurate plus or minus 3.2 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

As outlined in the March budget, the duty-free threshold on stays longer than 24 hours rose to $200 from $50 beginning this month.

The limit on stays longer than 48 hours increased to $800 from the current two-tiered levels of $400 and $750, depending on the length of stay.

In the poll, seven in 10 Canadians said they supported the higher duty-free limits, and eight of 10 of vacationers to the U.S. backed the changes.

The changes have been criticized by the Retail Council of Canada as just one more blow to merchants who cope with higher costs and must compete with U.S. competitors that often get a better deal from suppliers.

With the new rules in place for a little more than three weeks, it is still too early to determine if Canadians have stepped up their shopping habits, said Karen Proud of the Retail Council. But she believes there will be an impact on retailers.

A comparison study published by the Bank of Montreal in April estimated that Canadian store owners lose about $20 billion a year to cross-border shopping, although with many shoppers not reporting purchases, the exact worth of cross-border shopping is difficult to calculate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Economic impact

"Cross-border shopping tends to be downplayed by officials and the impact on the Canadian economy, but I do think it's quite significant."

BMO economist Doug Porter, who says today's shoppers would likely realize somewhat fewer savings because the loonie has dropped below parity in recent weeks.

Breastaurants becoming a booming niche

Valerie Chaira carries lunch from the kitchen at the Tilted Kilt, in Tempe, Ariz., in this May 16 file photo. The Tilted Kilt is part of a booming niche in the beleaguered restaurant industry known as breastaurants, or sports bars that feature scantily-clad waitresses. These small chains operate in the tradition of Hooters, which pioneered the concept in the 1980s but has struggled in recent years to stay fresh. The United States' top three "breastaurant" chains behind Hooters each had sales growth of 30 per cent or more last year, according to Technomic, a food-industry research firm. They still represent less than one per cent of the nation's top restaurants, but the upstart chains are benefiting as other mid-priced options like Applebee's and Bennigan's have experienced declines during the economic downturn. Instead of relying on lust alone, the new crop of restaurants is growing by offering new themes (think: rustic lodges and Celtic pubs) and varied menus (think: pot roast and shepherd's pie instead of just burgers and wings). In other words, they're hoping maybe people really are coming in for the food. MATT YORK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Personal information

Facebook signs mobile app privacy agreement

Facebook became the seventh company to agree to give people advance warning if its mobile applications pull personal information from mobile phones and tablet computers.

California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris said Friday that the agreement includes Facebook's own applications, as well as those made by third parties in its recently launched App Center. The agreement requires mobile apps seeking to collect personal information to display their privacy policies before their app is installed on a device.
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Economy. Feds reject economist's anti-crisis prescription

The Harper government has firmly rejected a McGill University economist's prescription for surviving the next financial meltdown.

A newly released briefing note shows Christopher Ragan's proposal to strengthen oversight of the Canadian economy went all the way to Stephen Harper, himself a former economist.

The distinguished economist said a high-level Finance Department group, known as the senior advisory committee, needs to be restructured to give the governor of the Bank of Canada more input and to ensure the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. is a permanent member.

Ragan says the non-legislated body served Canada well during the 2008-09 global meltdown, but may be blind to the next financial disaster — and the country should not become complacent because of past success.

A Feb. 22 memo to Harper shows the suggestion was given serious consideration — but ultimately rejected in favour of the status quo.
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It was the irony of the idea that interested Rahma Syed and the Interact Club of London: organizing a large water fight to support a water-based charity.

"It shows how easily we can access water and how we waste it, while others in the world lack access to clean water or water in general," said Syed, co-president of Interact, a youth service group. "We wanted to create an event that was fun but that also raised awareness for a great cause."

That event, aptly named Water for Water, will mark its third year on July 14 at East Park.

Water, water everywhere

The club has a modest goal of raising $1,000 for Start with Water, an organization that helps some of the world's poorest people access and learn about safe water.

Besides the water fight, this year's schedule includes other water games, a presentation on water sanitation and a raffle. The club has a modest goal of raising $1,000 for Start with Water, an organization that helps some of the world's poorest people access and learn about safe water.

Water for Water will cap off a busy year for Interact members. The club was involved in two other major initiatives in 2012, including the Push Against Polio project. To support Rotary International's goal of eradicating polio worldwide, Interact made buttons and sold them around London to raise awareness and money for the cause.

The other major project was a talent show to raise money for El Sistema Aeolian, a program offered by the Aeolian Hall Musical Arts Association. El Sistema offers free music training for youth who might not have a chance to study music because of financial or other hurdles.

It's pretty impressive stuff for a group of teens ranging in age from 14 to 18. Interact started as part of London's Rotary Clubs and aimed to get youth involved in making a difference locally and internationally. The group describes its core philosophy as helping others. They're doing just that, and they're enjoying it.

"Helping others is important because it makes you more socially aware," Syed said. "It expands your outlook on life and makes you a more empathetic person. And every little bit helps."

Along with its major initiatives, the group has participated in the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's CIBC Run for the Cure and helped with the meal program at St. John the Evangelist Church.

During the school year, Interact — whose name is derived from combining the words "international" and "action" — meets weekly on Tuesdays at the Boys & Girls Club.

With members graduating every year (often moving on to the group's university branch, Rotaract), the club is always looking for new members.

Being involved offers plenty of benefits, Syed said.

"It helps a person develop their personality, become more social and make more friends," she said. "And volunteering is really a lot of fun. I would encourage youth to use their skills as an asset to help others."

To learn more, visit interactlondon.org.

Members of the Interact Club of London will have their third annual Water for Water event July 14. CONTRIBUTED

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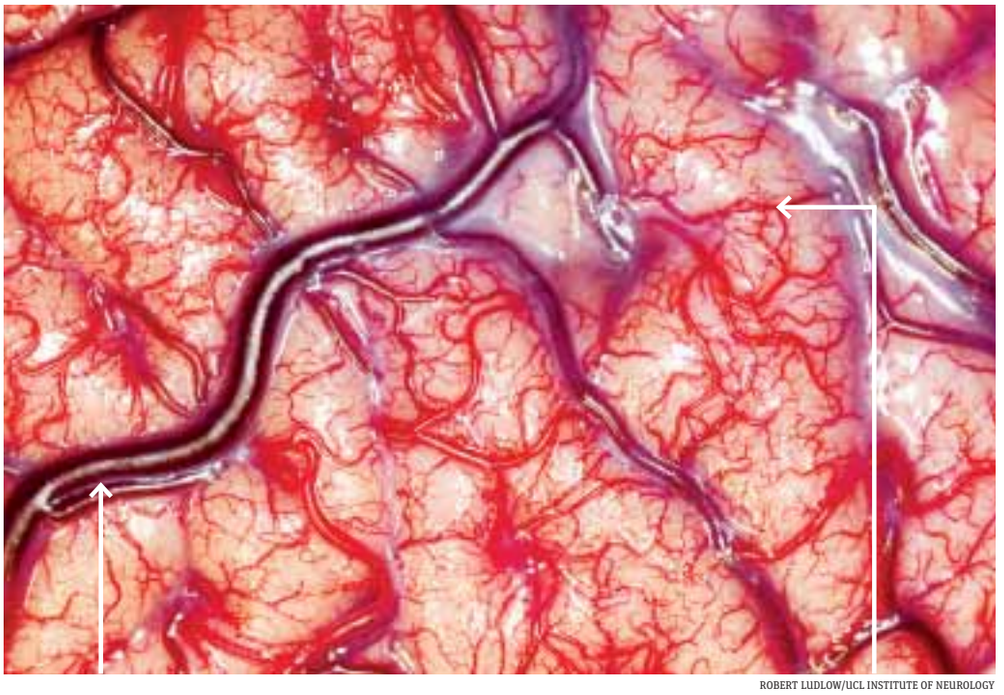

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Photography awards

Image of living brain wins contest

A close-up shot of a living human brain has been announced as the overall winner in this year's Wellcome Image Awards, a prestigious competition that celebrates medical photography.

Taken during a surgical procedure to treat a patient with epilepsy, the image shows "the beauty and fragility of this enigmatic organ," a Wellcome spokesperson says.

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Official's viewpoint

"Here you can see the vibrant richness of colour you'd never see when the brain is hidden inside our skulls or when it's dead in a jar."

Catherine Draycott,
head of Wellcome Images
and a member of the judging panel.

Cerebral photography

- **Judge's description.** "The arteries are bright scarlet with oxygenated blood, the veins deep purple and the 'grey matter' of the brain a flushed, delicate pink," judge Prof. Alice Roberts said.
- **How the photo was shot.** Taken before an 'intracranial electrode recording procedure', in which a flexible electrode grid was placed on the brain's surface for two weeks to monitor its activity. The surgeon then used the recordings to find problem areas of the brain to be removed.

- **Medical photography.** Photographers have to work around medics with no control over lighting, etc. "The conditions are controlled for the surgeon, not the photographer," Draycott notes.
- **Secret to success.** Draycott points to the "easily identifiable human factor" as key to the winning image. Other images included close-ups of a moth fly and a lavender leaf (pictured).

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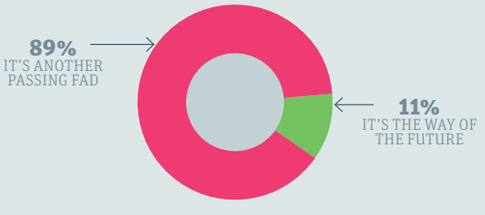

Twitter

@carmilevy: The day dawns quietly. Perhaps too quietly. What trouble has the dog gotten himself into this time?

@paigeagleson: It's probably going to be an 8-meals-a-day kind of day #internationalfoodfestival #ldnont

@YoginiBikini: Fabulous date night with deliciousness at the international food fest and comedy at the Palace theatre :) #LdnOnt

@nkotbsbgrl78: Baby shower today....just got up and I literally almost fell asleep sitting up!

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Box office

Brave wins over theatres

A new Disney princess has ascended to the box-office throne with a No. 1 debut for Pixar Animation's Brave. The latest from the makers of WALL-E, Finding Nemo and the Toy Story movies opened with $66.7 million domestically, according to studio estimates Sunday. The 20th Century Fox action tale Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter opened far back at No. 3 with $16.5 million, behind Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted. DreamWorks Animation's animated Madagascar sequel had been No. 1 for two weekends and added $20.2 million to raise its domestic total to $157.6 million. The weekend's other new wide release, Steve Carell and Keira Knightley's apocalyptic romance Seeking a Friend for the End of the World, misfired with just $3.8 million, debuting at No. 10. The Focus Features film, playing in much narrower release than other top-10 movies, stars Carell and Knightley as heartbroken neighbours on a road trip as a killer asteroid hurtles toward Earth. Woody Allen's Italian romance To Rome with Love pulled in huge audiences in limited release, debuting with $379,371 in five theatres.

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On the web

R&B singer Maxwell cancels short summer tour due to vocal cord edema and hemorrhage

Anna Silk plays Bo, the heroine of Lost Girl. HANDOUT

Anna Silk stays smooth in her role as Lost Girl's Bo

Third season. Actress had her doubts about playing a 'sex creature,' but now is excited to further explore the world of the Fae

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There is some tension this particular Thursday afternoon in May on the Toronto set of Lost Girl, but happily it is all of a fictional nature. Our heroine, Bo, who has been injured and looking none-too-well, is having a difficult time trying to convince her crime-fighting allies that they need to change strategy when it comes to catching the baddie of the week.

She finally succeeds in persuading her ex-lover and police detective Dyson to go along with her plan, much to the chagrin of his colleague.

"Cut! That was great," says director Ron Murphy.

This above scene is from one of the hit supernatural show's third season episodes. For those unfamiliar with Lost Girl, the series follows the adventures of Bo, a Succubus (a supernatural being who feeds off the sexual energy of others) and member of a race of uber-humans known as Fae.

Having walked in Bo's leather boots for two seasons and now a third, actress Anna Silk is a perfect fit for the role, even though she initially had some doubts about the project.

"When I originally received the (pilot) script, I read the tagline for it, which was something like, 'Supernatural sex creature who needs sex to survive,' and I thought, 'Yeah, right. What the heck is this?' recalls Silk. "Then, however, I read the script, which was written by (series creator/executive producer) Michelle Lovretta, and discovered that she wrote this really complex, cool, female lead character who is a sexual creature but in the most vulnerable sort of way."

Although it aired halfway through the show's first season, episode eight was, in fact, Lost Girl's pilot episode and the first thing ever filmed for the series. Silk still remembers working on it as if it were yesterday. "We had 10 days to film the pilot, which was a luxury because we don't have that many days now to shoot an episode," jokes the actress. "The pilot is quite special to me. We filmed it about a year before we went to series, so if you watch it, we all look a little different. We're wearing less make-up and the tone of the show is somewhat darker. I still think it's one of our greatest episodes and I love the grittiness of it."

"When it comes to the actual filming, I think what stands out the most in my mind is probably the fight scene I did in the bathroom where the creature puts me in the tub. That was an entire day of shooting and the fight itself was really intense as well as fun. I thought, 'Wow, so this is what I'm in for — some pretty cool stuff.' It was just a fantastic experience overall. I also remember I spent my birthday shooting a nude scene, covered in fake blood and lying on top of Kris Holden-Ried [Dyson]. So that's another good memory from the pilot."

Born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, the actress is the daughter of Ilkay Silk, a prominent actor, director, producer, playwright and educator in Fredericton, so it is no surprise that she became interested in performing at a young age. She did, however, take a detour or two before seriously deciding to pursue an acting career.

"I went to an art college for a year after high school and it turned out I was pretty bad at that," laughs Silk. "From there I went to university. I have a psychology degree and loved learning, but it was during my time at university that I realized I really wanted to be an actor."

Prior to Lost Girl, Silk appeared in a number of made-for-TV movies as well as guest-starred on such series Mutant X, Missing, Angela's Eyes, 'Til Death Do Us Part and Ghost Whisperer. Of all her small screen roles, two remain especially memorable to the actress.

"I really loved the way that they wrote my character of Cassidy on (the TV show) Being Erica," she says. "She turned out to be a very popular character and I enjoyed the real relationship that they created between Erica (Erin Karpluk) and Cassidy.

"Honestly, I've been fortunate enough so far to do a number of really cool things as an actress, including Bo ... I love the fact that she resonates with so many people. Also, the Fae world is so vast. We have so much still to explore about it," enthuses Silk.

"It's funny, I was one of a very small group of people in the honours program throughout university, and we were all expected to go on and do masters and doctorates.

"When I finished the program, my advisor asked me what I was going to do next, and I said, 'I'm going to move to Toronto and pursue acting.' He was like, 'Good for you.'

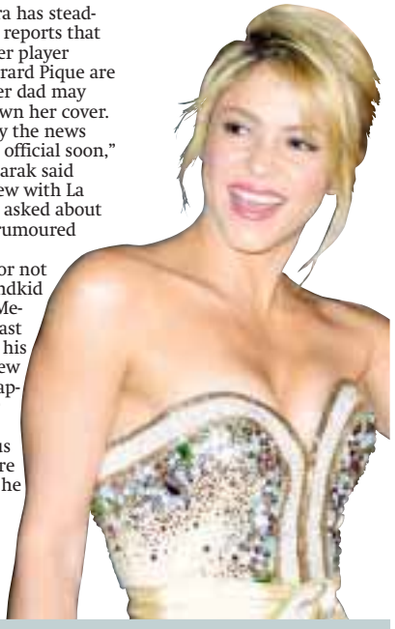
"So that's what I ended up doing."

Being Bo

Anna Silk interprets her character in Bo as both sensitive and vulnerable.

- "Because I really made Bo my own in the audition process, the show's writers and producers responded to that and very much tailored the character to me, which is a total gift," she says. "What I responded to in Bo and what I identified with was her vulnerability, her sensitivity, her fear and having to be really strong and tough despite all of that."

The hips don't lie: is singer Shakira pregnant?



While Shakira has steadfastly denied reports that she and soccer player boyfriend Gerard Pique are expecting, her dad may have just blown her cover.

"Hopefully the news will be made official soon," William Mebarak said in an interview with La Prensa when asked about the singer's rumoured pregnancy.

Whether or not there's a grandkid on the way, Mebarak is at least pleased with his daughter's new man: "The happiness of our daughter is reflected in us too and we are very happy," he said. "(Pique) is a valuable young man."

Justin Bieber

Bieber, One Direction collaboration could be in the cards

Rather than start a rivalry with new teen pop sensation One Direction, Justin Bieber is apparently making friends.

"The One Direction guys are great. We have a lot of fun whenever we hang out. They came over to my house and we were just chilling out around the pool and listening to music," Bieber says in an interview with BBC Radio.

"We were talking about me collaborating with them on a song on their next album. It's gonna be great."

Lohan nixing stress with nicotine, sources say

Lindsay Lohan is reportedly smoking up a storm on the set of her Elizabeth Taylor biopic, according to Us Weekly.

"Literally every time she finishes a scene she lights up another cigarette," a source says. "You can hear the crew saying, 'That's cut — get a cigarette for Lindsay.'"

While stress is certainly a factor in Lohan's habit of inhaling two packs a day, she's also apparently trying to channel Taylor.

"In between takes, (Taylor) would sit on the director's chair puffing on her cigarettes," the source explains. "Lindsay has been working hard, but without the nicotine she probably could not make it through as she appears stressed at times and they do seem to calm her down."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Cee Lo's pet peeves

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Last season on The Voice, Cee Lo's sidekick, Purrfect the evil-faced cat, was quite the hit, lending the judge a funky Dr. Evil-meets-Lewis Carroll swagger.

But animal rights activists aren't so psyched for his new on-air companion, a Moluccan cockatoo named Lady.

"Moluccan cockatoos are beautiful, intelligent animals but they are very challenging to care for especially in the long term, and are prone to considerable welfare problems," Monica Engrebretson of advocacy organization Born Free tells TMZ, citing concerns that ill-prepared fans will buy the notoriously difficult pets. "Many Moluccan cockatoos develop self-destructive behaviour including feather plucking and self mutilation not known to occur in the wild."

Poor Lady! Reality TV is the most oppressive captivity known to man, and can cause feather-plucking among even marginally intelligent newspaper editors.

Cee Lo, if you want a colourful companion that speaks in near gibberish, we suggest an intern.

Johnny Depp ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Does Johnny Depp have a new chick?

Hot on the heels of news of his split from Vanessa Paradis comes word that Johnny Depp is reportedly getting close to Rum Diary co-star Amber Heard, according to the Daily Mail.

Heard was reportedly spotted hopping on and off his private plane in Las Vegas while Depp was in town to promote Dark Shadows, and since then she's been a regular visitor to the New Mexico set of Depp's next film, The Lone Ranger. And on top of that, he reportedly bought her a horse so that they can go riding together.

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Kristen Stewart plays an independent princess in Snow White and the Huntsman, a modern take on the famous tale. HANDOUT

Cinderella syndrome gets turned on its head

Modern makeover.
New movie princesses want more than a prince; they want independence

For modern movie princesses, looking pretty and marrying a prince aren't enough.

Take Mirror Mirror, where Snow White rescues her prince from an evil spell, or Snow White and the Huntsman, where she becomes the hunter who avenges her father, marries none of her suitors and confidently runs her kingdom alone.

Further upending the Cinderella syndrome at a theatre near you this weekend is Pixar's first-ever female protagonist, the feisty Scottish Princess Merida of Brave, who demands to forge her own independent future. She's also a far better shot than any of her would-be princes.

This new breed of big-screen princess not only reflects the independence — and athleticism — of young women today, but also Hollywood's increasing willingness to tell their stories.

The success of Bridesmaids, The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo and The Hunger Games showed us that audiences respond to well-drawn heroes, regardless of their gender, thus setting the stage for the classic literary convention of the princess to get a modern makeover.

Princess Merida, voiced by Kelly Macdonald, is the main character of the Disney/Pixar film Brave. HANDOUT

"It is time for a new paradigm," said Brave producer Katherine Sarafian. "We've got an opportunity to make more characters that are relatable to modern girls" and audiences at large.

These empowered young princesses point to a gradual undoing of the so-called Cinderella syndrome or Cinderella complex, a theory developed in the early 1980s that says that, like Cinderella, many women seek something external — such as a rich and handsome prince — to change their lives and harbour a deep desire for dependence.

"It's not enough for women in the 21st century just to sit around and wait and be pretty," said Karen Sternheimer, a professor of sociology at the University of Southern California.

"An empowered heroine encountering a challenge reflects the whole mythology of individualism. What's new is the means of achieving success. It used to be through beauty or marriage only. That hasn't gone away, but now it can also be through a skill or encountering a challenge that traditionally we've heard in stories about men."

In developing Princess Merida's story in Brave, Pixar writers and artists thought more about character than gender, Sarafian said. They considered Merida's motivations, her frustrations and what makes her brave.

"If you focus on her being a girl, it's easy to get stuck in the trappings and rules and what a princess movie dictates," the producer said. "We strip out gender, princess, fairy tale and just focus on character."

Merida, voiced by Kelly Macdonald, is a headstrong teenager in 12th-century Scotland with a mane of fiery red curls and a temperament to match. Though her mother lovingly prepares her for her royal role, the young princess is more interested in sword fighting, archery and riding her horse through the forest. When she blatantly defies an ancient tradition, she jeopardizes the future of her family and the kingdom.

"The story is not about the circumstances surrounding her," Sarafian said. "She makes the core decision that throws things off. ... and it's not something else really saving her. Even though there is a little magic in the story, she is really the driving force."

And she does it all in a dress.

"Merida is not trying to pass herself off as anything other than a girl," the producer said. "She just wants to be her own person."

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A New Hope?

- Rupert Sanders, the director of Snow White and the Huntsman, which was released earlier this month, said the heroic journey of his princess (played by Kristen Stewart) makes her "almost the female Luke Skywalker."

Women and work

Magazine piece strikes chord

A first-person lament by a former State Department official on Why Women Still Can't Have It All has attracted more visitors to The Atlantic magazine website in a 24-hour period than any magazine story the site has ever published. The piece by Anne-Marie Slaughter described her struggles balancing a high-powered career with raising her two sons. Clicks were "approaching 450,000 uniques," magazine spokeswoman Natalie Raabe said Friday, citing data from Omniture. The piece also had more than 75,000 Facebook recommendations, not counting the links posted on individual Facebook pages, where friends engaged in debate about work-life balance. "I knew this was going to resonate," said Slaughter in a phone interview, but "I did not expect it to go viral quite this fast."

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On the Web

Who needs a lab when you have a kitchen? New books aim to suss out the science of home cooking

Summer perfect salad

Like many summer favourites, chicken salad has all the makings of a refreshing, light meal... except for all that mayonnaise.

An easy way to lighten it up is to switch it out for our favourite creamy substitute, non-fat plain Greek yogurt. We also opted to grill the chicken, an easy way to pump up the flavour while adding virtually no fat.

For this recipe, we freshened up our salad by adding some berbere, an Ethiopian spice blend that can feature any number of seasonings, but often includes ginger, cardamom, garlic, cumin and chilies. If you can't find it or you prefer something a little more tame, switch it out for another spice blend, such as curry powder or Italian seasoning.

For even more flavour and some textural contrast, we added chopped Peppadew peppers. You usually can find these alongside the olives at the grocer. Cherry peppers also would work. After some chopped fennel bulb, a handful of toasted almonds and some grapes, we were finished.

We like to serve this salad stuffed in whole-wheat pita pockets with salad greens, but you also could spoon it over a bed of greens for a hearty salad.

Ingredients

Start to finish: 45 minutes

- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Salt and ground black pepper
- Canola or vegetable oil
- 1 to 2 teaspoons berbere seasoning
- 5.3 ounce container nonfat plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup chopped Peppadew peppers
- 1/2 bulb fresh fennel, trimmed and diced
- 1 cup red grapes, halved
- 1/4 cup slivered, toasted almonds
- 4 small whole-grain pita pockets
- 2 cups salad greens

1. Heat the grill to medium-high.

2. Place the chicken breasts between sheets of plastic wrap. Using a meat mallet or rolling pin, pound the meat to an even 1/2 inch thickness. Season with salt and black pepper.

3. Soak a crumpled paper towel with the oil. Clasping the paper towel with tongs, oil the grates of the grill. Grill the chicken breasts for 4 minutes per side, or until the chicken is cooked through and reaches 165 F. Set aside to cool, then cut into small chunks.

4. In a large bowl, combine the berbere with the yogurt, Peppadew peppers, fennel, grapes, almonds and the cooled chopped chicken. Mix well, then season with salt and pepper.

5. Fill each pita pocket with a quarter of the salad greens, then spoon some of the chicken salad into it. ALISON LADMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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While places like Boston Pizza offer fun pasta variations, some of them contain mega amounts of sodium, calories and fat.

Boston Pizza Baked Chipotle Bacon Penne

1430 cal / 88 gm fat / 2740 mg sodium

The Alfredo sauce, excess cheese and bacon is what gives you a day's worth of calories, fat and two days' worth of sodium. Heart attack on a plate?

Equivalent

Equivalent to 9 penne bolognese from Pizza Pizza in fat .

Boston Pizza Homestyle Lasagna

930 cal / 30 gm fat / 2280 mg sodium

The meat sauce and cheese in this traditional lasagna is a healthier option, but still high in sodium

Driving smarter, better and cleaner

Fuel efficiency.
How Canadians are travelling further with a few simple changes to their driving routine

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You can spend less time filling up at the pumps, with a few simple changes to your routine. ISTOCK

Halifax to Vancouver, 6,339 km, on less than five tanks of gas.

That's the record-setting result of Shell Canada's Smarter Driver Challenge, where a team of drivers spent last week making the most fuel-efficient cross-continent drive on record.

"Saving fuel saves you money, saves you stress, and is a safer way to drive," says Lindsey McAndrews, a communications rep for Shell.

"Fuel efficiency is now the number-one concern of Canadian car-buyers. It's what people go into dealerships and ask for the most."

The drive was the brainchild of John and Helen Taylor, who have earned a global reputation as the world's most fuel-efficient couple. After arriving In Vancouver on Friday, they now hold 93 different world records for covering more distance on less gas.

The Taylor's team of drivers included Alex Debogorski of TV's Ice Road Truckers and officials from such environmental watchdogs as Pollution Probe and the Pembina Institute.

Driving a well-tuned 2012 Volkswagen Passat, they needed only 5.59 litres of regular gas to cover each 100 km. The total fuel bill, Atlantic to Pacific? Just $453.

There was no special equipment involved. Just good maintenance, and a few canny driving tips.

"Don't speed," McAndrews says. "You lose 22 per cent of your fuel economy between 100 and 110 km/hour. Use really steady, gentle pressure on the gas pedal. Leave a nice space cushion between yourself and the car in front of you, so it's safer driving."

Leaving space in front means you don't have to use your brakes nearly as often. And that leads to significant fuel savings, as well.

"With almost no practice, the average person can see a 10-per-cent improvement in their fuel efficiency, just by being conscious of not being a lead-foot. That means you're saving at least 12 cents a litre."

There are other, more subtle benefits as well.

"You're never stressed out," McAndrews notes. "You know where you're going, and you're calm. You're not flooring the gas on every stop light. You're not riding people's bumpers."

And now that the record's been set?

"Once someone sets a record, people want to break it," she concludes.

And no one can do that, without driving smarter, better and cleaner.

By the numbers

22%

The significant loss in fuel efficiency when you accelerate from 100 to 110 kilometers per hour.

There's no 'I' in TeamBuy: budding biz making millions

Company can-do. 25-year-old mogul an inspiration to young entrepreneurs

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When Edward Yao's older sister graduated from Yale and went on to become a lawyer, he thought about his future.

"I wanted to be the bread winner for the family that they could rely on and be proud of. The only way to surpass her was if I started my own company."

It was on a trip to China with his mom that he found his inspiration. A crowd of people were lining up at a TV store.

"I was told it was 'Tuangou' which is Mandarin for team buying. You get people together to get a discount and it's a big thing in China."

He convinced childhood friend Andrew Hutchings to become his partner and they went to work creating TeamBuy.

Driven to succeed

"I wanted to be the bread winner for the family that they could rely on and be proud of. The only way to surpass her was if I started my own company."

Edward Yao on being inspired by his sister's success

"Today we're operational coast to coast," says the now 25-year-old.

"From baby supplies to travel, you name it, we have it. Our run rates exceed 30 million dollars annually. We have just over 100 people and we are happier than ever."

Edward, his sister, Mom and Dad have a lot to smile about these days.

"My family is extremely proud."

For Edward Yao, that's the biggest accomplishment of all.

You're the boss

Remember these start-up tips

- Entrepreneurship is risk taking. You have to be ready to accept the highs and lows.
- No matter how good the idea is, don't assume it will grow on its own. It takes hard work.
- Investors aren't stupid and they're not going to give you money to burn. They're there to make money. It's a relationship that is give and take and they won't take all the risk.
- Don't do anything illegal. There will be times that you're tempted because it's the easier way but it's never the right move.
- Life's not easy but if you work hard that's when you maximize your chances for success.

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Edward Yao, TeamBuy president and co-founder and 2012 ACCE (Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs) award-winner for best start up. PROVIDED

College tri: educators debate semester timing

Should class be in a flash? Or studies be slow and steady?

BRUCE WALSH
Metro World News in Philadelphia

What type of class calendar would you prefer? ISTOCK

In defence of the trimester ...

Stuart J. Lipper is the dean of the graduate school of business administration at Fordham University in New York City.

How did Fordham arrive at a trimester system?
The MBA has always been the largest master's program at Fordham, and it was largely a part-time program. We wanted to make it as flexible as possible for people that had to work. But we're not keeping it because 'this is the way it's always been done.' Current students like the flexibility.

What are the drawbacks?
It makes the jobs of administrators a bit crazy. It can be hectic for students, too: Sometimes the semester ends on Friday and the new one starts on Monday. There's not a lot of downtime.

But you also complete the degree faster.
That's the ultimate goal. Full-time students can usually go through a program reasonably quickly. But in this program, part-time students can finish in three years.

In defence of the semester ...

Kate Lehman is the assistant dean for student success at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio.

How did Otterbein University arrive at a semester system?
We just switched from trimesters to semesters. We are placing an emphasis on experiential education — learning through real-world situations. Our faculty felt that semesters were better suited to this due to the extended time in a term.

What are the drawbacks?
Some students like a shorter term so they can experience more topics over time. The sheer number of classes is fewer when you have fewer terms.

Do trimesters work better for grad students, because they are typically more interested in finishing sooner?
Grad students take more summer courses than undergrads, and some of that is regardless of the calendar you're operating under. But, yes, graduate students are more interested in going to school year-round.

Women's basketball

Canadian women aim for Olympics

The national women's basketball team begins its final qualification tournament for the London Games on Monday, not a moment too soon for the women trying to get Canada back to the Olympics for the first time since 2004 in Athens.

Canada joins 11 other teams in Ankara, Turkey, in pursuit of five berths at the London Games.

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Horse racing

Strait of Dover victorious at Queen's Plate

Strait of Dover led from the wire to claim the 153rd running of the $1-million Queen's Plate on Sunday.

Jockey Justin Stein led his horse to the lead from the start, then held on to win the opening leg of the Triple Crown in an unofficial track-record time of 2:01.99 in a light rain over the 1 1/4-mile race on the Woodbine polytrack.

Fillies Irish Mission and Dixie Strike were second and third, respectively, in the 14-horse field of North America's oldest continuously run stakes race.

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Jockey Justin Stein atop Strait of Dover TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Gianluigi Buffon of Italy saves a penalty taken by Ashley Cole of England during the Euro 2012 quarter-final Sunday in Kiev, Ukraine. LAURENCE GRIFFITHS/GETTY IMAGES

Italy claims the spoils on penalties

Euro 2012. Another penalty shootout loss for England at a major tournament

After two hours of clever, often dominating but in the end fruitless play, Italy found the answer against England.

Penalty kicks.

Alessandro Diamanti scored the decisive kick Sunday to send Italy through to the European Championship semifinals with a 4-2 win in the shootout following a 0-0 tie with England.

Italy will next play Germany in the semifinals on Thursday in Warsaw, Poland. Defending champion Spain plays Portugal on Wednesday in Donetsk, Ukraine.

"We deserved this victory," Diamanti said. "The penalties rewarded our dominance during the match. It's only fair, we played a great match and battled from the first to the last minute."

But not until penalties by Mario Balotelli, Andrea Pirlo — with an audacious slow chip-shot down the middle of the goal — and Antonio Nocerino did the Azzurri find the net. Steven Gerrard and Wayne Rooney scored England's penalties.

The difference: Ashley Young hit the crossbar with England's third, and Ashley Cole's attempt was saved by Gianluigi Buffon.

For England, it was yet another exit from a major tournament in the quarter-finals after a penalty shootout. England lost to Portugal in the same manner at Euro 2004 and the 2006 World Cup.

England briefly led the shootout after Riccardo Montolivo missed Italy's second penalty. His shot went wide of Joe Hart's right post as the England goalkeeper guessed correctly.

The momentum shifted after Pirlo's bold piece of skill levelled it 2-2.

"I just saw that the goalkeeper was moving a bit earlier so I decided to play it the other way," Pirlo said. "It just comes to you at that moment and it went well." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

England's curse

It was the same old penalties heartache for England. This time, though, there was no hard-luck story to accompany the loss.

- Defeat to Italy in the European Championship quarter-finals made it six losses in seven tournament shootouts.
- England coach Roy Hodgson said: "We weren't quite good enough to win it over 120 minutes. Penalties is the same road we have been down before."

MLB. Blue Jays' bats shut down by a familiar foe

Mark Buehrle has given the Toronto Blue Jays troubles in his career, and even though he was in a different uniform Sunday the results were similar.

The veteran left-hander pitched effectively for seven innings to become the winningest pitcher in interleague play, John Buck hit a three-run homer and the Miami Marlins snapped a six-game losing streak with a 9-0 win over the Blue Jays on Sunday.

"The way Buehrle was pitching, we got some hits off him but weren't really able to bunch too many together," Blue Jays manager John Farrell said.

Lind returns

- The Toronto Blue Jays recalled first baseman Adam Lind from triple-A on Sunday.
- He returns to Toronto having hit .395 with eight homers and 29 RBIs in 31 games at batter-friendly triple-A Las Vegas.

Buehrle (6-8) is 7-4 with a 2.48 ERA in 16 career starts against Toronto.

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NHL

CBA on agenda as players meet

The posturing is beginning and the prospect of an NHL lockout is looming.

More than 50 NHL players — team reps and alternates — are expected to descend upon Chicago for three days starting Monday to sort out the union's issues and positions in advance of collective bargaining, set to start "imminently," according to both sides.

At the draft over the weekend in Pittsburgh, commissioner Gary Bettman sounded upbeat ahead of negotiations.

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Tennis. Raonic feeling more confident on grass

Milos Raonic is doing all he can to prepare for the Wimbledon grass that he injured himself on last year.

The Thornhill, Ont., native had an abrupt end to his Wimbledon campaign when he slipped early in his second-round match and had to retire with a painful right hip injury.

This year, Raonic said only the rain has given him pause as he prepares for his first match Tuesday against No. 45 Santiago Giraldo of Colombia.

"I didn't think about it too much," he said. "Only when it would rain a little bit or if it was wet, we would sort of practise a little bit more cautiously. Outside of that, when the court conditions are how they should be, there were no second thoughts."

Raonic has been training at Wimbledon since last Monday and feels prepared despite some chilly, rainy weather.

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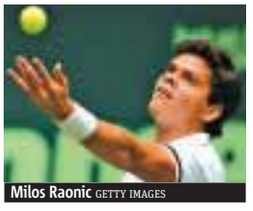

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Golf

"To be honest, I wasn't that nervous. I think with something like what's happened to my family and me the last four weeks, nothing really seems that difficult anymore."

England's Melissa Reid, who won the Prague Golf Masters in Czech Republic on Sunday, four weeks after her mother was killed in a car accident in Germany.

"It will make me fight and nothing will seem as bad as what I've been through, so yeah, I actually felt very calm and I knew I was going to hole the putt on 18."

Melissa Reid
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On the web

Spain has varied tactics at Euro 2012, fielding either a six-man midfield or a lone striker, in part as a way to trip up opponents. Some teams have tried to adjust their tactics to cope with the Spaniards, but not so for the Portuguese. Scan the code to find out how Portugal plans to win its semifinal on Wednesday.

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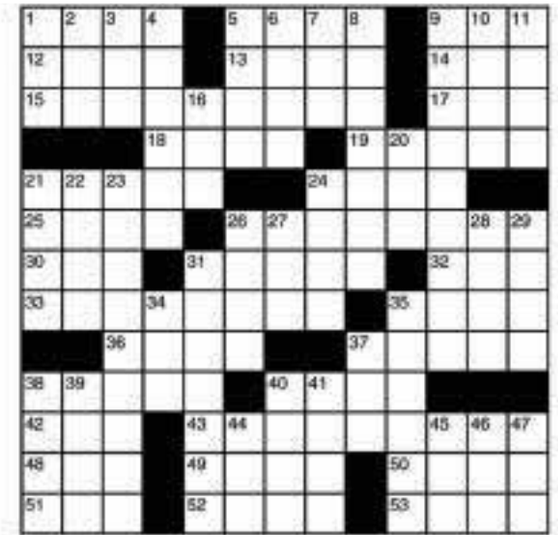

Friday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

J V W L K H K L ' T L W K P Z N
B Y A A H W G V K M Y B W P T K Z Z
H D T T W G D F . N A D H M B V P
T K N V W ' T L A J G W - F K Y P W G .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF I MAKE AN ERROR ABOUT THE KIND OF BLOOD SOMEBODY HAS, I RECKON IT COULD BE A TYPE-O TYPO.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals H

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. You may be full of confidence right now but watch out you don't take too much for granted.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You will gain a lot more respect over the next few days if you deal with those who disagree with you quickly and with a touch of ruthlessness.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You may be tempted to cut corners and hope no one notices but the planets warn they will — and your reputation will quickly head south.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. According to the planets you have allowed your standards to slip in recent months, but Saturn, the great taskmaster of the zodiac, will in some way force you to up your game.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You are thinking too hard about a problem that is quite simple in nature.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. For some reason you've got it into your head that someone you have to deal with on a day-to-day basis is not to be trusted.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Saturn turns direct in your birth sign today, which means you will no longer be able to kid yourself that everything in your garden is rosy.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Whatever you say there always seems to be someone who chooses to disagree with you. It's annoying but you must not let it get to you

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Are you expecting too much of yourself? Maybe, but it's better than expecting too little.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Each and every person is born with a special talent. Do you know what yours is? If not this is the perfect time to find out.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. The situation you find yourself in today may be difficult but you won't make it any easier by allowing your emotions to take control. Use your head and you will get through okay. You may be one of the few who do.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. For too long you have believed that your options are limited and that there is only so much you can accomplish. Today's events will encourage you to believe the opposite: that there is nothing in this world that is beyond you.

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

7	5		4				2	6
6	3		8		5	9		
		8			7			1
8						3	4	
2			5		1			8
	7	5						2
5			3			6		
		6	1		4		8	7
1	2				8		5	3

Friday's Sudoku

1	4	2	6	3	8	5	9	7
9	7	3	4	5	1	2	6	8
8	6	5	2	9	7	1	3	4
5	1	4	3	7	6	8	2	9
3	9	7	8	4	2	6	5	1
2	8	6	5	1	9	7	4	3
7	5	1	9	6	3	4	8	2
6	2	9	1	8	4	3	7	5
4	3	8	7	2	5	9	1	6

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